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SUBJECT: LETTER THREATS TO U.S. FIRMS IN TAIWAN FROM TPLF (TAIWAN
PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT)

REF: (A) 77 TAIPEI 6663, (B) 77 TAIPEI 7149, (C) TAIPEI 0230,
(D) TAIPEI 275 (NOTAL)

1. JANUARY 12, 1978, ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS CARRIED ACCOUNT
OF TRIAL OF SIX MEMBERS OF TAIWAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT
(TPLF) WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 11, 1978, WITHOUT PRIOR BRIEFING
OR NOTICE TO AMEMBASSY 'SEE REFTEL C). OUR LOCAL POLICE CONTACTS
HAD REFERREFOK CQUIRIES TO NSB (NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAU) AND
EVIDENTLY NSB REFERRED IT TO TGGH (TAIPEI GARRISON GENERAL HEAD-
QUARTERS) WHICH FAILED TO NOTIFY NSB AND/OR EMBASSY ABOUT TRIAL OR
TO INCLUDE US AS INVITEES. PERTINENT PARTS OF NEWSPAPER TEXT ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE SUBVERSIVES ADMIT PLANNING TO BLOS UP HILTON, USIS...
SIX MEN RANGING IN AGE FROM 22 TO 28 APPEARED BEFORE THE
MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY... ALL SIX DEFENDANTS PLEADED
GUILTY TO OFFENSES WHICH INCLUDED SENDING THREATENING
LETTERS TO FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN IN TAIWAN AND THREATENING TO
BLOS UP PROMINENT BUILDINGS IN TAIPEI... THE NAMES AND
ADDRESSES OF THE FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WERE OBTAINED FROM A

FOREIGN FIRM THAT DEFENDANT TAI USED TO WORK FOR... THEY PLANNED TO BLOW UP THE CHIA-HSIN OFFICE BUILDING, TAIPEI HILTM HOTEL, THE USIS BUILDING... THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF KIDNAPPING USIS DIRECTOR WILLIAM AYERS AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS IN TAIWAN AS PART OF THEIR SUBVERSIVE OPERATION. UNQUOTE. EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF AND REPORTED (SEE REFTEL B) TPLF INTENTIONS REGARDING CHIA-HSIN OFFICE BUILDING AND HILTON HOTEL BUT THIS IS FIRST MENTION OF INTENTIONS REGARDING USIS DIRECTOR OR USIS BUILDING.

2. GROC OFFICIALS INDICATED JANUARY 13, 1978, THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITED TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF VERDICT AND SENTENCING (SEE REFTEL D).
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